

California Student Aid Commission Budget Fact Sheet

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The Governor's 2006-07 Budget proposes some funding changes to this year's Cal Grant program including adjustments to the Cal Grant maximum award amounts. The major proposed change that may impact you is the Governor's proposal to restore the maximum Cal Grant tuition and fee award for all new recipients attending private and independent institutions from \$8,322 to \$9,708.

This proposal is currently under consideration by the Legislature and will <u>not be final</u> until the state budget act is signed, typically in July. Other changes may occur through the state budget process to the Cal Grant program that may impact your award or eligibility. All proposed changes must be approved by both the Legislature and the Governor prior to being implemented. You should speak with your financial aid advisor to determine the effect this and other proposals may have on your financial aid package.

You may also check the Commission's Web site periodically to find out the status of this year's proposed Cal Grant funding amounts. The Commission will post updates on the Commission's Web site (www.csac.ca.gov) as needed, in an effort to answer your questions.

If you have any questions about the status of your Cal Grant application, your Cal Grant eligibility, or the status of the Commission's budget, you may also contact the California Student Aid Commission Student Support Services Branch via email at studentsupport@csac.ca.gov or by calling toll-free (888) 224-7268. Office hours are Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. and 9:00 a.m. to 4:50 p.m. Thursdays.

The Commission thanks you for your patience and regrets any inconvenience this uncertainty may cause you.